THE

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR 1821,

OF

THE MANAGERS

OF THE

Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society;

WITH A LIST OF

THE OFFICERS AND MANAGERS, AND OF THE CONTRIBUTORS SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1822.

First Directress.
Mrs. Martha Duncan.

Second Directress.
Mrs. Mary Yorke.

Treasurer.
Mrs. Mary Hodge.

Secretary.
Miss S. P. Bayard.

Managers.

Mrs. Susanna Latimer,
Mrs. Mary Yorke,
Mrs. Lippincott,
Mrs. Mary Hodge,
Mrs. Elizabeth Haskins,
Mrs. Elizabeth Brodhead,
Mrs. Rebecca Hallowell,
Mrs. Christiana Finney,
Mrs. Ann Wotherspoon,
Mrs. Ann Collins,
Mrs. Theodosia Graydon,
Mrs. Hannah Jones,
Mrs. Elizabeth Archer,
Mrs. E. Hazlehurst,
Mrs. Martha Duncan,
Mrs. Rebecca Cope,
Mrs. Catherine Comegys,
Mrs. Sarah Cresson,
Mrs. Mary Donaldson,
Miss Ann F. Wheeler,
Miss Elizabeth Latimer,
Miss Caroline Bayard,
Miss E. A. Ralston,
Miss S. P. Bayard.

The Annual Meeting of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, was held in the Session Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Thursday, January 10th, 1822. The Rev. Mr. Engles opened the Meeting with Prayer, after which, the following Reports were read:—

WITH sensations of more than usual satisfaction, the Managers of the Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society offer their Annual Report to the friends and patrons of the Institution, fully aware of the gratification they will derive from the assurance that the hand of charity has not been extended in vain, but that their liberality has promoted the comfort and happiness of several respectable individuals, who, without their aid, must have been depressed by penury and the infirmities of age: "Mercy and truth shall be to them who devise good;" they dwell in the hearts of those who have contributed to the support of the aged and helpless, and the prayer of the widow for those who have shown mercy, is heard by that Being to whom this attribute peculiarly belongs.

The applications for admission into the Asylum, during the last year, have been more numerous than at any preceding period, and the Managers have been obliged to make a selection from among them, as it was not in their power to receive all who solicited a place in the Institution. Eleven persons have been admitted, four deaths have occurred, and two persons have been dismissed in consequence of a violation of the rules of the Society, and general misconduct. The number at present constituting the family is thirty-three, and the Managers have pleasure in stating, they are generally that respectable class of females, who, having seen more prosperous days, and known the delights of "home and kindred," are capable of appreciating the advantages of such an establishment, without which they could with difficulty have obtained a slender pittance for their support, and revolting to their feelings must have been the alms casually and reluctantly bestowed; but here, shielded from the ills of poverty, comforted in sorrow, and attended in sickness, their hearts dilate with gratitude to the Giver of all good, and to their earthly benefactors. They have ever evinced a willingness to aid, by their industry, the funds of the Institution, and whenever work could be procured, have cheerfully engaged in it.

The portion of health enjoyed by the greater number of the members of the family is a cause of gratitude; increasing infirmities are the inevitable consequence of increasing age, but the Managers are enabled to say, that no other disease has assailed the family.

The Board of Managers would not do justice to their own feelings, did they omit to mention the sense they entertain of the kindness of the superintendent to the persons belonging to the establishment. They all regard her as an attentive and affectionate friend, and it is believed she is sincerely solicitous for the interest of the Institution. The house in which they reside is, in every respect, calculated for the comfortable accommodation of the inhabitants. A large portion of the expense contracted in the erection of the building has been defrayed, although a considerable sum is still due; but the Managers trust the assistance of a generous public will be afforded them for the liquidation of the remaining debt.

To those highly respected individuals, who have bestowed liberal donations on this Society, to those who have devoted to its interest a large portion of their time and attention, the Board of Managers tender their most grateful acknowledgments, the only return that can be made for their unwearied kindness; but they need no other, for they are following the footsteps of their Divine Master, and to them "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

The smiles of Providence have rested upon this Institution; like the grain of mustard seed sown in the earth, it had a small beginning, but it has become so large, and useful, that many are sheltered by it, and depend on it only for support. To the Father of Mercies, who has blessed exertions in the cause of humanity, should praise be rendered; and those who have made these exertions must feel the pleasure resulting from the discharge of duty. An appeal to their benevolence has never been made in vain; and the Managers cherish the hope, that the objects of this charity will continue to hold a place in the remembrance of their liberal patrons. For these aged persons, life can have few attractions; the days are long since past, "when all could please, for life itself was new." They have lost the elastic spirits and mental energy of youth, and can now only desire a few comforts to smooth their passage to the grave. These will not be denied them; for even a cup of cold water, given in the name of a disciple, shall not be without a reward.

DR. *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with Mary Hodge, Treasurer,* **CR.**

1822.			1822.		
To cash advanced the Purchasing Committee, in sundry payments, - -	1461	00	By balance of account for 1821, - -	11	00
To cash paid the Building Committee,	330	00	By cash rec'd in Annual Subscriptions,	956	00
To cash expended in clothing, - - -	43	50	By do. Life do. - -	200	00
To cash paid for printing Reports, -	28	43	By do. Donations, - - - -	226	25
To cash paid for planting trees before the Asylum, - - - - - - - -	11	81	By a Legacy from Mrs. James Cox, -	100	00
To cash returned to Mrs. Irvine, - -	52	00	By a Legacy of Mrs. Martin, from Mr. R. Milne, - - - - - - -	100	00
To cash paid for wood, - - - - - -	115	50	By cash collected for clothing, - - -	20	00
To cash paid for Interest on Loan, -	165	00	By Fines from the Managers, - - -	14	75
To cash paid for purchase of 6 per cent. Stock, - - - - - - - - - - -	858	00	By cash from the Charity Box, - -	44	95
To cash paid for Funeral Expenses, -	56	00	By Interest on 6 per cent. stock, - -	163	56
Balance on hand, Jan'y. 10, 1822, - -	24	06	By cash for work done at the Asylum,	54	62
			By cash for Board of Pensioners, - -	308	84
			By cash for admission of Members, -	380	50
			By a Donation of Jury fees, from several gentlemen, - - - - - - -	12	50
			By cash for proceeds of the Aloe, - -	552	33
Dollars,	3145	30	Dollars,	3145	30

Errors Excepted.

Philadelphia, January 10th, 1822.

DR. The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, in Account with the Purchasing Committee, CR.

1822.				1822.		
To cash paid for Superintendent's Salary,	59	75		By balance in the hands of the Purchasing Committee, from last year,	124	03
To do. for House repairs and Furniture,	71	56½		By cash received by warrants on the Treasurer, at sundry times,	1461	00
To do. for Wood,	118	97				
To do. for Flour and Milk,	168	76½				
To do. for Groceries,	420	60				
To do. for Servants' Wages,	115	67½				
To do. for Household Expenses,	180	54				
To do. for Articles for Work,	47	01				
To do. for Butcher's Meat,	279	45½				
To do. for Clothing and sundries,	113	24				
Balance,	9	46				
Dollars,	1585	03		Dollars,	1585	03

LEGACIES AND DONATIONS,

Received since the last Publication.

	D.	C.
From a Friend, - - -	4	00
Mrs. Hulings, - - -	5	00
Dr. Parke, a part of Mr. Barclay's annual remittance, - - -	50	00
Mrs. Brown, - - -	2	00
Mr. Harrington, - -	5	00
From a Lady, by Mrs. Janeway, - - - -	10	00
Jury fees, from Mr. H. Y. Landis, Silas W. Sexton, and Captain W. Davis, by John Roberts, - - - -	5	00
Mrs. Maria Kœcker, -	5	00
Dr. Philip Tyddiman, of South Carolina, - -	20	00
From Mrs. Tyler, of Burlington, by Miss C. Bayard, - - -	5	00
From a Gentleman, by Mrs. Ingersoll, - -	25	00
From a Gentleman, by Mrs. Graydon, - -	10	00
Mrs. Gilchrist, of South Carolina, - - - -	5	00
From a Friend, - - -	5	00
February, 1822.		
Miss Chester, - - -	5	00
Miss Cowperthwaite, -	2	00
Cash, 1, do. 1, do. 1, -	3	00
From a Friend, - - -	5	00
Mrs. Bunce, - - -	2	00
Mrs. Rachel Wetherill,	8	79
A Legacy from Mrs. Charlotte Cox, - -	100	00
A Legacy from Mr. R. Milne, Executor of Mrs. Martin, - -	100	00

NEW ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS,

Since the last Publication.

	D.
Mrs. James Broom, - - -	3
Mrs. Langdon Cheves, - -	3
Mrs. Sabine Denny, - - -	3
Mrs. Guenat, - - - - -	3
Mrs. Doctor Kelly, - - -	3
Mrs. Maria Kœcker, - -	3
Mrs. M'Alpin, - - - -	3
Miss Sarah Hutchins, - -	3
Mrs. Hallowell, - - - -	3
Mrs. John Hewson, - - -	3
Mrs. Doctor Preston, - -	3
Miss Sarah Ralston, - -	3
Mrs. Martha Robinson, -	3
Mrs. Emily Skinner, - -	3
Mrs. Priscilla Smallwood, -	3
Miss Sarah Taylor, - - -	3
Mrs. Ullmann, - - - -	3
Mrs. E. West, - - - -	3
Mrs. John Widdifield, - -	3

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	D.
Mrs. Elizabeth Ashhurst,	30
Mrs. Eliza Scott, of the Island of St. Thomas,	30
Miss Maria Tucker, of do.	30
Miss Alice Tucker, of do.	30
Mrs. Lowber,	30

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE BUILDING.

Received since the last Report.

From Mr. Thomas Montgomery, Executor of Robert Montgomery, - - - -	$ 500
From Mr. Charles Smith, - - -	20
From Mrs. William Chaloner, by Mrs. Finney,	5
From a Gentleman, - - - - - -	10
From Miss Sterling, - - - - - -	5

Donations of the following Articles.

A barrel of molasses, and a bag of Rice, from Mrs. Duncan.
8½ pounds of yarn from a Friend, by Mrs. I. C. Jones.
Lumber for a medicine closet, by C. Remington, $ 4 26
A donation of medicine from Edward Lowber, 7 00
Do. from John Hart.
Do. from Mr. Marshall.
Do. from Mr. M'Clintock.
A lot of ground on Lombard street, thirty-six feet in breadth, from Mr. David Claypoole.

*** *Subscriptions received by the Treasurer,* 181, *Walnut St.*

THE FORM OF A BEQUEST

TO THE

Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society, of Philadelphia.

MONEY LEGACY.

"I give and bequeath unto *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia,* the sum of
to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the said Society."

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE AND GROUND RENTS.

"I give and devise unto *The Indigent Widows and Single Women's Society of Philadelphia,* (here describe the property or ground rent) together with the appurtenances, in fee-simple."